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♦ **First Ladies in
Campaigns**

featuring pop culture
themed presidential
memorabilia from the
campaigns of Cleveland
through Obama.

♦ **WW II: Snapshots
of Tyler**

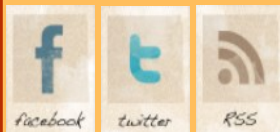
featuring materials
from the Steger papers,
Tim Anthony Jackson
Collection, and the UASC.

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Ten Years Ago (September 2004)

UT Tyler Exceeds Projected Enrollment for Fall 2004

Official enrollment figures for the fall 2004 semester totaled 5,308 full-time students. This represented an 11 percent increase over the previous fall's enrollment total of 4,783. Full-time student enrollment at UT Tyler increased a total of 62 percent between 2000 and 2004. As part of UT Tyler's New Millennium Vision, a strategic growth plan, administrators hoped to see enrollment reach 6,000 by 2008. The 6,000 student milestone was reached in Fall 2007.

Patriot runners get new coach

Bob Hepler was hired as the head cross country coach for UT Tyler. Hepler, a graduate of UCLA, Santa Clara University, and Loyola University, joined UT Tyler in April 2004 as manager of HPC fitness center. A fitness instructor for over 20 years, Hepler joined the coaching staff with six Ironman World Championships under his belt and seven seasons on the U.S. National Amateur Triathlon team. Over the next ten years, Hepler would lead the Patriots cross country team to 8 American Southwest Conference Championship titles and several top ten finishes in the NCAA regionals.



Instructor Bryn Ralph and his assistant Allen Dowdle demonstrate basic fencing positions to members of a new student fencing club. The instructors offered free classes to students, staff, and faculty on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Herrington Patriot Center.
(Patriot Talon)

Twenty Years Ago (September 1994)

Sport Activity Courses Offered

The Department of Health and Kinesiology offered six undergraduate courses in exercise and sport activities during the Fall 1994 semester. Components of the two-hour one-credit course Topics in Motor Performance (PYED 4258) included tennis, distance running, tai chi, self-defense, tumbling and gymnastics, and folk dance. The Department also partnered with physicians from the UT Health Center at Tyler to offer several courses in health care issues, including "Health Education: Weight and Nutrition (HLED 4317)" and "Allied Health Seminar: Health in Society (ALHS 4301)."

Friends of the Arts Host Art History Lecture

Art historian Dr. Karl Kilinski, an expert in classical art history and archaeology, presented a lecture over "The Flutter of Wings: Icarus's Descent Through Western Art" on Monday, October 10th in the Robert R. Muntz Library. The UT Tyler Friends of the Arts presented the lecture and a reception, opening to the general public for \$5 and free to members of the university community.

Thirty Years Ago (September 1984)

Former U.S. Ambassador opens Distinguished Lecture Series

Malcolm Toon, U.S. ambassador to Russia from 1976-1979, spoke on managing U.S. relations with Russia in his Distinguished Lecture Series appearance on September 27 in the University Center. Ambassador Toon shared about his extensive experience as a diplomat, including his tenure as U.S. ambassador to Israel, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia. Ambassador Toon, a graduate of Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, was awarded the State Department's Superior Honor and Distinguished Honor awards for his years of service.

Newly completed building serves as studio, laboratory for art students

UT Tyler opened a new 4,750 square foot art studio near the west campus entrance. Previously, studio art classes at UT Tyler were held in science laboratories. Plans for the building were coordinated by department chair Donald Van Horn. The studio was designed without air-conditioning, since accumulated particles from art projects might damage traditional cooling systems. In addition to a new studio building, the art department welcomed several new faculty members and equipment donated by community members.



Pat the Patriot (UT Tyler's original mascot) helps admissions director Martha Wheat address registration concerns with UT Tyler senior Kathy Hampton.

(UT Tyler Patriot)

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